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## **Box Patent Application** .

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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

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Title: DISTRIBUTED IMAGE STORAGE ARCHITECTURE

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/251,834, filed December 8, 2000.

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Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18	\$36
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